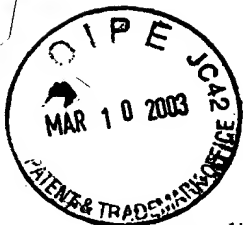


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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

The enclosed Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated September 9, 2002 for the above identified patent application.

Three Month Extension. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), the Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated September 9, 2002. This extension will extend the response due date to March 10, 2003. A fee of \$930.00 is believed due for the filing of the Amendment with a three-month extension of time according to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(3). Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. No other fee is believed due; however, should any additional fees be due please charge the additional fees to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel, without prejudice, claim 11.

Please amend the following claims:

03/21/2003 FFERHER 00000001 (61501) (2761011) Process for preparing a composition of a vinylaromatic polymer
01 FC:1253 matrix surrounding rubber nodules, comprising the step of polymerizing at least one vinylaromatic
monomer in the presence of a rubber, a stable free radical which is not introduced into the
polymerization mixture in a form linked to a rubber, and a polymerization initiator with a grafting
character suitable for said composition wherein said polymerization involves at least one phase
inversion,